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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON REFUGEE AND  
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1. PURSUANT TO REQUEST REFTTEL, EMBASSY HAS BROKEN DOWN 1975 BUDGET FIGURES FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO GERMAN AND NON-GERMAN REFUGEES, IMMIGRANTS AND EXPELLEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1975 BY THE NATIONALITY OF THE RECIPIENTS, BASED ON THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMS IN THE FRG BUDGET.
2. IN USING THE FIGURES BELOW FOR THE SUBJECT HEARINGS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL WISH TO KEEP THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS IN MIND:

(A) IN VIEW OF HUGE INFLUX SINCE WWII OF REFUGEE GERMANS INTO FRG, THE FRG HAS HUGE CONTINUING OUTLAYS FOR ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WHO ARE IN FACT REFUGEES OR WERE REFUGEES ALTHOUGH MOST NEVER FELL WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF THAT TERM PROVIDED BY THE CONVENTION AND PROTOCOL ON THE STATUS OF REFUGEES (AS ETHNIC AND OTHER GERMANS, THEY ARE RECOGNIZED AS GERMAN NATIONALS FROM THE MOMENT THEY ARRIVED IN FRG); THESE HUGE OUTLAYS

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OBVIOUSLY HAVE AN AFFECT ON THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS THE

FRG CAN MAKE AVAILABLE FOR REFUGEES FALLING WITHIN THE CONVENTION DEFINITION; AND

(B) WHETHER THE PROCESSING OF REFUGEE GERMANS IS LISTED THROUGHOUT THE FRG BUDGET SEPARATELY FROM THE PROCESSING OF NON-GERMANS, OR WHETHER UNDER THE REFUGEE CONVENTION DEFINITION REFUGEES PROCESSED INTO THE FRG'S FRG AS GERMAN NATIONALS DO NOT COUNT AS REFUGEES, THE FIGURES FOR NON-GERMAN REFUGEES IN NO MEANINGFUL WAY REFLECT THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY THE FRG FOR PROCESSING AND SETTLING PERSONS WITHIN THE FRG WHO ARE IN FACT REFUGEES. THE REFUGEE GERMAN NATIONALS COME WITH FEW BELONGINGS AND FUNDS, FREQUENTLY SPEAK LITTLE OR NO GERMAN, AND OFTEN NEED RETRAINING AND COUNSELLING TO ADJUST TO A VERY DIFFERENT SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT THAN THE ONE FROM WHICH THEY HAVE COME.

3. BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

FEDERAL EXPENSES FOR NON-GERMAN REFUGEES IN FRG

AND ABROAD: DM 33,322,270

FEDERAL EXPENSES FOR GERMAN REFUGEES, EXPELLEES AND IMMIGRANTS:

FOR INTEGRATION PURPOSES: 406,879,000

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES 393,075,000

PENSIONS 6,996,196,000

TOTAL 7,796,150,000

TOTAL FEDERAL EXPENSES FOR GERMAN AND NON-GERMAN

REFUGEES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1975 DM 7,829,472,270

4. EMBASSY IS POUCHING COPIES OF BREAKDOWN, SHOWING INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS IN EACH CATEGORY AND BUDGETED AMOUNTS, TO WIESNER, S/R/ORM BY DS-4.

5. THERE ARE NO FIGURES AVAILABLE ON NON-GERMAN REFUGEES. ACCORDING TO ROUGH ESTIMATES, AROUND 9.3 MILLION INHABITANTS OF THE FRG ARE REFUGEES, EXPELLEES AND IMMIGRANTS FROM EAST BLOC COUNTRIES WHO CAME TO THE FRG AS GERMANS. THE FEDERAL LAW ON REFUGEES AND EXPELLEES OF MAY 19, 1953 AS AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1971 DEFINES THE TERMS REFUGEES AND EXPELLEES AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SERVES AS LEGAL BASIS FOR THE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET FOR THE BENEFIT OF GERMAN REFUGEES, EXPELLEES AND IMMIGRANTS AS LISTED ABOVE.  
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